



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - July 13, 2001**

- ***In the West***, beneficial seasonal showers continue in the ***Four Corners region***. Dry weather is returning to the ***Northwest***, where pastures and dryland small grains remain stressed by long-term drought.
- ***On the Plains***, an intense heat wave continues to stress reproductive summer crops, including corn, cotton, peanuts, and sorghum, across ***eastern New Mexico and much of Texas***, where today's high temperatures are forecast to approach 105 degrees F. Meanwhile, favorably cooler air and scattered thunderstorms are overspreading areas as far south as ***Oklahoma, Kansas, and eastern Colorado***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, mild, dry weather favors winter wheat harvesting and corn and soybean development, although topsoil moisture is becoming limited across the ***upper Mississippi Valley***. Today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 80 to 85 degrees F.
- ***In the South***, beneficial showers are dampening the previously dry ***northern Delta region***. Elsewhere in the ***South***, very warm weather, scattered showers, and generally adequate soil moisture levels favor summer crop development.

**Outlook:** Warmer weather is forecast to gradually expand from the ***south-central U.S. into the western Corn Belt***, where high temperatures are forecast to climb to 90 degrees F or above on several days next week. Mostly dry weather is forecast to continue in the ***Corn Belt***, but widespread showers are expected in a broad band from the ***northern Plains into the Southeast***. Meanwhile, cooler weather is forecast to overspread ***California and the Northwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 18-22 calls for cool weather in the ***Northeast*** and along the ***West Coast***, and above-normal temperatures on the ***Plains***. Near- to above-normal rainfall is forecast in the ***Corn Belt***, accompanied by a return to near-normal temperatures. Wet weather is also expected elsewhere across the ***northern half of the U.S.***, including the ***northern Plains and Northwest***, while below-normal rainfall is forecast on the ***central and southern Plains*** and across most of the ***South***.

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